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construction work at Welzow airfield would be completed in early December. In late November, the lanes connecting the runway and the western taxiway were removed and the terrain was levelled. Contrary to previous assumptions, these lanes had been built only for use in transporting materials required for the construction of the western taxiway. There was no change in the status of the two other lanes connecting the runway and the eastern taxiway. 25X1

2. The lane connecting the southern end of the western taxiway and the adjustment stand at Weisser Berg was 658 meters in length.²
3. All but 12, of the shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments at the field were completed in late November. The remaining 12 revetments, including 4 on the western and 8 on the eastern taxiway, were expected to be completed within a week.
4. Hardstands at the field were being built in two designs. They were to be built in the same type also at Drewitz airfield. 25X1
5. On 28 November, in addition to the 27 fuel tanks already installed, 20 more tanks had been dug in. They rested on concrete foundations and extended about 3 meters below the surface of the ground.⁴
6. In late November, about 380 workers were still employed at the installation. Until the completion of construction work at the field, slabs as used for aircraft revetments at other fields were to be manufactured at Welzow. Construction machinery and details of construction workers were continuously transferred from Welzow to Jocksdorf airfield.⁵

7. After 7 December, trains were daily unloaded at Welzow airfield. Prior to 12 December, at least six trains arrived. a train loaded with 1,294 tons of undetermined materials arrived from Jueterbog on 6 December. two troop trains arrived from

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the U.S.S.R. during the night of 11/12 December. [] As far as could be determined, at least 1,000 Soviet soldiers, numerous AA guns, searchlights and trucks of all types arrived at the field between 7 and 9 December. On 10 December, numerous tank trucks and equipment arrived, while the unloading of caterpillar tractors was observed on 11 December.

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8. On 17 December from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [] 3 jet bombers and 1 biplane at the field. [] still other aircraft were available at the installation. A radio truck with a single-axle trailer [] was seen at the eastern border of the field. About 30 trucks were parked at the southern edge of the installation. []

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Comment. The information on the transfer of construction machinery and workers to Jocksdrof airfield is correct. [] 150 men from Welzow had arrived at this field in late November.

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Comment. There were previous indications that Welzow airfield would be occupied. The assembly in Jueterbog of trains to be dispatched to Welzow was mentioned in military reports, and on 28 November the entraining of a 37-mm AAA battery bound for Welzow was observed in Finsterwalde.

The present report proves that an air unit, presumably the bomber regiment from Jueterbog, moved to Welzow. This regiment is equipped with about eight IL-28s, of which some have already been observed at the field. It is possible that the bomber regiment will be brought to full strength by reinforcements from the U.S.S.R. Vehicle [] was previously observed in C ttbus, where the bomber regiment was stationed prior to late July 1952.

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